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Traffic stage change along US 34 at Railroad in Aurora

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that a major traffic stage change will begin along US 34 (Ogden Avenue) at the Canadian National Railroad in Aurora starting, weather permitting, Friday, May 1.

The stage change is part of the on-going roadway reconstruction project along US 34.

In order to complete the work, a new traffic pattern will shift motorists to the eastbound lanes, and includes reducing traffic to one lane in each direction. Construction crews will then build a new westbound bridge structure over the railroad tracks. The project also includes the construction of new pavement and sidewalk.

Once completed in fall 2016, the work will ultimately reduce traffic delays and support a more efficient response by emergency service providers. It will also address traffic delays and safety concerns due to trains crossing US 34 at-grade. By late fall of 2015, traffic will be moved onto the new bridge and pavement, and vehicles will no longer be interrupted by train movements.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1 at http://goo.gl/upgvZu. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com.